last three years *i.e.*, 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 as may be seen from the table given below:

Year	Rate of Growth of GDP	Electricity Generation Growth
1999-2000	6.1%	7.1%
2000-2001	4.0%	3.9%
2001-2002	5.4% (Prov.)	3.1%

Higher cost of electricity for textile industries

†3271. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian textile industries fail to compete with the rest of the world because electricity is costly as has been asserted by the International Textile Manufacturing Federation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Electricity Department provide electricity to various areas at varying prices;

(d) the total consumption of electricity at present in the textiles sector and the rates thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to maintain the power availability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The average electricity rates in India are generally higher than those in some other countries in the world. A Statement indicating power cost as percentage of total cost in various textile products in India *vis-a-vis* countries during the year 1999 is enclosed. (*See* below)

The rates of electricity supplied for different categories of consumers differ from State to State.

The total consumption of electricity in the textile sector in the year 1998-99 was 10385 MU. Power supply to consumers including textile industries is the responsibility of the respective State Electricity Boards/Utilities.

The Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998 was enacted with a view to rationalizing electricity tariff. The Act requires the State Electricity

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) to ensure that the tariff progressively reflects the cost of supply. 20 States have constituted/notified constitution of SERCs. 12 SERCs have since passed tariff orders.

Statement

Power cost as a % to total cost in the various textile products in India *vis-a-vis* other countries during the year 1999.

Sl. No.	Items	India	Brazil	Indonesia	Italy	Korea	Turkey	USA
1.	Ring Yarn	10	4	3	8	5	6	5
2.	O-E yarn	9	4	3	9	5	6	6
3.	Texturised yarn	5	2	3	6	4	6	3
4.	Woven ring yarn fabric	16	7	5	11	8	10	8
5.	Woven O-E yarn fabric	16	7	5	12	8	10	9
6.	Knitted ring yarn fabric	11	4	3	8	6	6	6
7.	Knitted O-E yarn fabric	11	4	3	9	6	6	6
8.	Knitted texturised yran fabric	10	4	4	9	6	9	4
9.	Woven texturised yarn	17	6	7	11	9	12	7

Withdrawal of NHPC from Hydel Power Project near Ranchi

3272. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jharkhand Government had ratified the MoU signed by the undivided Bihar Government regarding NHPC's hydel power project of 710 MW capacity near Ranchi which has now been withdrawn by NHPC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Jharkhand Government has now raised a question of commercial viability of the said project;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;